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Select Board Meeting

Monday – 04/11/2011 – Town Office Meeting Room
7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Paul MacDonald, Peter Foote, Joann C. Austin, and Irene L. Belanger. Others present were Erasmo Gonzalez, Ron Breton, Michael Snow, Jonathan Litchfield, Mary Grow, and the Town Manager. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by Ron Breton.

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the minutes of the 03/28/2011 Select Board meeting as presented

On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Warrant #45 for \$17,961.63 and Warrant #46 for \$56,865.47 as presented.

Unfinished Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Recycling Coordinator:**
 - **Recycling Report – Neil Farrington:** Selectperson Neil Farrington was not available to provide an update. The Town manager noted that the town would be applying for a SPO grant related to composting and the recycling of cardboard. There was discussion about the resumption of the initiative to survey residents about the transfer station and recycling.
- **Foreclosures:** the Board asked the Town Manager to have Mr. Michael Snow and Mr. Jonathan Litchfield attend the meeting to present their reasons for allowing property formerly owned by the to reach foreclosure. The board heard from Michael Snow regarding property on Bradford Lane and from Jonathan Litchfield regarding property on the Mann Road. Mr. Snow said he was in an auto accident and had a lot of health issues. He was out of work for a while and was using financial reserves to manage expenses marginally. Mr. Litchfield said he has been away for a good part of the year living at his sister's house. Both indicated they would be able to obtain the proper amount of funds to redeem the properties if the SB so agreed. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul Macdonald, the Board voted 4-0 to reconsider the redemption option for Mr. Litchfield if he is able to pay the town \$4465.21 by April 30, 2011. On a motion by Selectperson Irene L. Belanger and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to reconsider the redemption option for Mr. Snow if he is able to pay the town \$15,343.72 by April 30, 2011.

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New Business:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Appointments:** The Board signed papers relating to residents who have been previously appointed at a previous meeting. The Town Manager will make certain that those who have expressed interest in serving on a committee that they are appropriately appointed. The Board formally appointed Joseph Berkall, James Booth, and Timothy Theriault to the Thurston Park II committee, which is to follow-up on some of the recommendations made last year by the original Thurston Park Sub-committee.
- **Red Light Application – Weeks Mills Volunteer Fire Department:** this item will be discussed at the next SB meeting.

Manager's Communications:

- **Public Comment:** There was not any public comment at this time.
- **Visioning Meeting Follow-Up – Summary Sheet:** It was noted that more items will come before the Board once the Comprehensive Planning Committees have been reconvened.
- **Committees: Call for New Member Participation, Meeting Notices**
 - Re-Convening of Committees – Thursday Evening Meeting Results/Moratorium Consideration:** It was noted that the town has been soliciting citizen interest in serving on several Comprehensive Plan referenced committees. Recently the Implementation Committee has been meeting weekly. The next Implementation Committee meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in the town office meeting room. Chairperson Peter Foote noted that Susan Cottle attended the last meeting and that he felt she could contribute significantly to the mission of the Committee.
 - **Erasmus Gonzalez – China Police Officer:** China's new police officer, Erasmus Gonzalez officially met with the Select Board. Chairperson Peter Foote formally introduced him at the meeting and had positive comments about Erasmus and about how the town will now proceed with the part time officer. Mr. Foote wanted Mr. Gonzalez to meet with local emergency services chiefs and Erskine Academy officials. Mr. Gonzalez will supplement the work of state and county law officers in town.

In other business, the Board decided to discuss the issuance of a junk yard license to Russell Coston. Previously the Board discussed the terms and conditions upon which they might grant a license. The Board is placing more emphasis on the may 31, 2011 deadline to bring the property into compliance with conditions they set in December 2010.

Additionally it was announced that Earth Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 23, 2011 in the China area. There will again be initiatives to pick up trash on the roadsides in China. There will also be a drug drop-off on April 30, 2011 at the China transfer station.

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On a motion by Selectperson Joann C. Austin and a second by Selectperson Paul MacDonald, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joann C. Austin".

Joann C. Austin, Secretary
China Select Board